

Amendments to the Specification

On page 1 of the specification, replace the second paragraph, which begins on line 8, with the following:

Fruit gum compositions are generally known to the consumers of food supplements, for example in the form of the product "gummi bears". Such fruit gum compositions usually exist —as disclosed for example in EP 106 98 56 A1— as pleasant-tasting fruity confectionery products consisting of glucose syrup, sugar, gelatin, souring agents and colorants and flavorings. On account of the amount of glucose syrup and sugar, conventional fruit gum compositions have high calorie contents and in other respects a low nutritional value, which may lead to sportsmen and weight-conscious people in particular avoiding at least a high consumption of fruit gum compositions.